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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir,

In response to the non-final office action mailed on April 13, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicant's remarks below.

(1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

(2) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.